

House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services

REVISED Spending Targets:

FY 2013-14: \$5,007,925,668

FY 2014-15: \$5,184,204,607 (Revised)

General Guidance for All Subcommittees:

- Consider the expansion and reduction items in the Governor's Recommended Budget
- Focus on core functions of government and whether they are adequately funded
- Continue to look for efficiencies across State government, including looking at duplicative programs
- Evaluate appropriate funding level for non-core services, including non-profits and other non-essential services
- Address budget needs for both years of the biennium, minimizing the need for a revised budget in the short session
- Consider ways to strengthen the General Fund; evaluate special funds
- Consult other subcommittees as necessary
- Refer certain items to the Full Chairs
 - Salary-related items, debt service, or other Statewide issues
 - Fee increases/decreases
- Encourage public – private partnerships
- Review state match for federal grants
- Review recently released audits and studies
- No policy in special provisions unless directly related to the budget

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Assumptions:

- Medicaid rebase will be funded at the level recommended by Fiscal Research staff in consultation with the Full Chairs.

Items to consider include the following:

- Provider assessments
- Provider rates
- Copayments
- Eliminating optional services
- Consolidating divisions
- Programs to control costs and better manage the utilization of services
- Opportunities to achieve greater efficiency in the delivery of services
 - Initiatives designed to provide services in the most effective and cost effective manner